



Convocation 2016

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Principal's Ponderings



Lorne Calvert

Principal's Ponderings will return with the Fall 2016 issue. Lorne Calvert is currently taking a much deserved 3 month sabbatical.



Board Chair



Dawn Ballantine-Dickson

A few years back we celebrated our 100th year of St. Andrew's College with a gathering of alum, faculty and former residents. This year we celebrate our 100th graduating class. We have not planned great festivities, and yet we mark this milestone with seriousness and joy. Think of it: one hundred times the academic committee has approved students with the approval of their various conferences to go out to serve the wider church. Most went to serve congregations, some became chaplains and others continued their studies and taught.

Our students have ministered to families being reunited or suffering loss during and after

the First and Second World Wars, in the joy of the roaring twenties and the desperation of the economic collapse of the thirties, in the hope of the fifties when churches were built to accommodate the growing number of children, and the sixties when these children grew up and many began to question the existence of God, the need of the church and the value of marriage. Since then we have discussed inclusive language, the need to be treaty people, to protect the environment; as well, our church has ordained women, gay, lesbian and trans people, and affirmed same sex marriage. We continue to welcome refugees, serve at food banks, question the causes of poverty, be involved in all sorts of social action once called mission, alone and with other Christian and now multi faith groups. This is not bad for a hundred years, considering that more was left out of this list than was put in.

We celebrate a hundred years of fashioning courses to enable students to minister in the changing United Church within a changing Canadian context. When someone calls the church merely a religious institution I know they are wrong. This is a community of faith. We grow as believers by allowing our faith to be questioned. Our understanding of ancient texts gives us an insight to how the people of their

time understood how the Spirit of our Living Loving God spoke to them in support or judgment. It takes a community to discern in what way God is guiding us and we need ministers to help engage the community in this holy conversation. We listen to the questions people have been asking for a hundred, no, thousands of years: Where is God when I need God? Am I forgiven? Is the world really going to hell? What is God calling me or us to do? Why can't we have all the answers? Who is our neighbour? How do I live a joyful faithful life? How do I love as Jesus loved? For a hundred years our students have left this college equipped to empower this conversation, sometimes it is done in prayer, in sermons or drama, in Bible study, at a board or leadership team, over coffee at the truck stop, or holding hands across a hospital bed.

There have been a lot of changes in the last hundred years, and yet some things never change. One is our need, of God, of love, and of neighbour, and the other is the assurance that God's love never ends. No matter what challenges the next hundred years present, in struggling to answer these questions together and to assure each other of God's steadfast love we will find our identity as the church and as ministers to one another.

Advent Meditations that were written by students, faculty and friends of the College will be distributed by email and on Facebook each day of the Advent season. If you are interested in receiving these meditations, please email standrews.college@usask.ca to be added to the list.

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Convocation 2016

The 2016 convocation celebration for St. Andrew's College was one for the history books.

A total of 23 St. Andrew's students of many ages and walks of life and from all across Canada were recognized May 6 during a college chapel service and luncheon as well as the Saskatoon Theological Union joint convocation ceremony.

"This year we celebrate the largest convocation of students in the history of St. Andrew's College," said Principal Lorne Calvert. "More students received their degrees, diplomas and their certificates this year than in any year since 1912 when the college was founded."

The list of recipients includes seven students who received Master of Divinity degrees, four recipients of a Master in Theological Studies, one Master of Sacred Theology degree, five students who received Designated Lay Ministry diplomas, five recipients recognized for completing the courses for admission into The United Church of Canada and the posthumous recognition of the college's honorary Doctor of Divinity recipient, Alison West.

Sixteen of the recipients were able to attend the college's convocation chapel service and luncheon. The chapel was filled to near capacity with family and friends for a morning service that included leadership participation from those who formally received their degrees, diplomas and certificates during the STU convocation ceremony held that evening.

"To see the 16 of you who were able to gather in the chapel; that is what this place is all about. We are here to celebrate and to thank you for being among us," Calvert told the crowd that gathered for the luncheon.

Those who received their Master of Divinity degree were: Esther Baerends, Brenda Bailey, Elaine Julian, Lindsay Mohn, Douglas Neufeld, Jason Richards and Brad Wudrich, several of whom entered the program together in the fall of 2012.

The ceremony included a special personal connection for MDiv graduate Lindsay Mohn as her father-in-law, Duane Mohn, was among the students who received the Designated Lay Ministry diploma.

Other DLM program participants who completed their program and received diplomas were Doreen Mason, Alice Moores, Amy Mueller and Gregory Simpson.

Receiving Master of Theological Studies degrees were YongSeok Baek, Nancy Blain, Eunkyui Ji and Deborah Laforet, while Garret Hantke received a Master of Sacred Theology.

Mokwadi Paymann T. Basele, Koshy David, SunDo Hyun, YongShik Kim and Kevin Sprong were awarded United Church of Canada certificates.

The honorary doctorate degree was awarded posthumously to Alison West, but she was told of the honour prior to her passing earlier in 2016.

"Our academic committee this year awarded Alison West our honorary doctorate degree for her service to the college," said Calvert, noting the many contributions West made to St. Andrew's during her long association with the college.

"Alison studied in our college, she loved this college and she served this college and its students as our internship coordinator. Alison regularly made us scarves, and stoles, and scones. Those of you who knew Alison know that she brought that British, Methodist sparkle and determination to the corridors of St. Andrew's."

Gala Dinners

St. Andrew's College hosted two successful dinners this spring. The first dinner was held in Saskatoon on March 7th. The second dinner was held in Regina on April 19th.

The Saskatoon dinner was held at the Park Town Hotel with one of Canada's most

celebrated artists, Dr. Susan Aglukark, using spoken word and song to present a thousand years of Canadian Inuit history. A successful silent auction was also held.

The Regina dinner was held at the Wascana Country Club with Dr. Gordon

Barnhart as speaker and Harmony2Go Barbershop Chorus as entertainment.

Both evenings were filled with laughter, entertainment and good food.

Thank you to our event sponsor, Guardian Capital and our gold sponsor, MNP.





“Group of 7” among St. Andrew's large graduating class of 2016!

Celebrate with us the 2016 Graduands awarded the Master of Divinity on Friday 6 May:

Esther Baerends

Learning sites:

Grande Cache United Church, Yellowhead Presbytery, Alberta Northwest Conference; Brooks United Church, South Alberta Presbytery, Alberta Northwest Conference

What a journey these last four years have been! I still remember in my first year, sitting in the meeting room at the college, mapping out what the next four years of my life were going to look like. Ministry Residency far exceeded my expectations in how I've grown in my self-awareness, in my call, and in my ministry. I have had the privilege of journeying with two different and uniquely gifted congregations and I will cherish the time I have spent in each of them.

Grande Cache United Church is located 145 km north of Hinton, nestled in the northern edge of the Rocky Mountains. During the fifteen months I was there I was able to journey with them through the joys and challenges of being a small congregation. They welcomed me with open arms, and through their love and support I was able to grow in my creativity for worship leadership (such as worshipping in a circle!), Messy Church, Godly Play, faith studies, and the unique ways in which I was able to offer pastoral care. I will never forget those quading and hunting trips! With a federal prison in the town, I was able to grow in ways I never expected as I spent some time in worship with the inmates. God's love is meant to be shared with all and God's ways of working through us will never cease to amaze me!

Since March 1st, I have been journeying with the wonderful people of Brooks United Church. This larger rural congregation has embraced me as part of their Christian family and I am looking forward to growing in new ways with a congregation has a lot to offer in regards to cultural diversity, family and children's worship, outreach, and gaining wisdom from retired clergy. I am truly thankful to the Ministry Residency program at St. Andrew's because it has guided and prepared me for a ministry with confidence! I am deeply grateful to my Educational Supervisor Rev. Sharon Foster, my Lay Supervision teams in both Grande Cache and Brooks, the entire CIES committee in ANWC and the faculty at St. Andrew's College for grounding me in my learning and my faith as I persevered through the ups and the

downs. You have all inspired me and I will carry that forward in my ministry.

Brenda Bailey

Learning Site:

Glengarry East Pastoral Charge (GEPC)
Seaway Valley Presbytery
Montreal & Ottawa Conference.

Ordination date:

May 28th, 2016, Hudson, Quebec.

I feel so abundantly blessed to have served as ministry resident in Alexandria United Church, St. Andrew's Dalhousie, Glen Sandfield, and East Hawkesbury United Church. This four point charge welcomed my residency with love and care. What a great opportunity to learn and grow in these faithful communities and families of God!

First Appointment:

Johnstown United Church, Seaway Valley Presbytery.

Elaine Julian

Learning Site:

Cumberland United Church, Comox Nanaimo Presbytery, British Columbia Conference

Cumberland United Church is a small but lively and diverse congregation. We worship in a historic building that once sheltered striking coal miners, in a village that was built on coal but is now a growing community that attracts young retirees, young families and mountain bikers. A few of our families are long-time residents of Cumberland, but many of our members live in the nearby communities of Courtenay, Royston and Union Bay and are drawn to the intimacy and inclusiveness of our small church.

I am the second student minister to serve this congregation and have benefited from their previous experience. The church council and Lay Supervision Team were very supportive of my learning goals and at the same time they offered me a true spiritual leadership role. Together we are discerning our church mission in a place that is very much part of the west coast “spiritual but not religious” revolution. I am honoured to be asked to continue to minister among these questing people of faith and hope.

Ordination:

June 4, 2016, British Columbia Conference

Appointment:

Cumberland United Church, Comox Nanaimo Presbytery, British Columbia Conference

Lindsay Mohn

My first impression of the town of Mortlach SK was a photo from a lovely restaurant with the most delectable looking crême brûlée I had ever seen. This persuaded me that I should definitely agree to Mortlach United Church in Chinook Presbytery, Saskatchewan Conference, as my residency site. The desserts at the little restaurant were as delicious as they looked, but it was the warm welcome in the congregation, the many events happening in the community of 250 people, and the opportunity to spread my ministry wings that provided a memorable 20 months. I was fortunate to be supported by amazing colleagues in Chinook Presbytery and had the most wonderful Educational Supervisor in Laura Balas. As the minister/admin staff/music director/accompanist I had the opportunity to participate in all areas of the church life, and particularly enjoyed experimenting with children's ministry programs. On June 5 in Regina I will be ordained at the Saskatchewan Conference Service of Praise, and my first ministry appointment is to serve in Delisle-Vanscoy Pastoral Charge in my home presbytery of River Bend. St. Andrew's College will continue to be an important part of my life and ministry as I remain in the community and serve the church in various ways.

Doug Neufeld

Learning site:

Spirit Hills Pastoral Charge, Tugaska and Central Butte, SK, Chinook Presbytery, Saskatchewan Conference.

I have the honour of being the first student at this new learning site and the experience couldn't have been more rewarding. SHPC had been going through some significant changes as their minister of thirteen years had moved on to a new call and they closed the third point of the charge in Eyebrow, SK. One might expect that a community going through such a drastic upheaval might have been considerably dysfunctional but I found them to be energetic, optimistic and just overall gracious. Instead of



mourning losses, they were celebrating the life they had and it was a pleasure to be part of it.

I had left a small farming community after high school and after 30+ years of city living, it was so pleasant once again to experience the friendliness and community of small prairie town living. It's sometimes difficult to acquire basic amenities on short notice but the feeling of family provides great comfort.

The spectrum of ministry experience has been full as I've had the opportunity to exercise all the elements of my learning goals and I've even had the benefit of a wonderful ecumenical relationship in the nearby community of Eyebrow. I couldn't have been more blessed with this appointment and I will miss them dearly as I move on to my first call.

Ordination:

June 5, 2016, Alberta Northwest Conference

First Call:

Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB

Jason Richards

Learning Site I:

Kangnam Community Church, Seoul South Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea

Learning Site II:

Oxbow/Alameda Pastoral Charges, Twin Valleys Presbytery, Saskatchewan Conference.

My Ministry Residency experience has been one of immense blessing. To be a global overseas intern was difficult, but I would not trade it for anything in the world. I still miss the children of my Sunday morning English worship more than I ever could imagine. I miss them calling out 'Jason Sungyosanim!' (Missionary) whenever they saw me. The bible studies in Korea were also quite memorable. Witnessing my Korean students of all ages open themselves up to interpretations never considered, and to personalize and internalize the presence of God in their midst was an awesome moment in my ministry.

Returning from Korea into Oxbow/Alameda has been quite a change from

the Korean megachurch! Settling into the quiet and the community has been a good way to recharge with what I know ministry to be. I have immersed myself in the life here, love the people and the vibrant churches open to all types of expressions of faith. I love it so much that I am only moving down the road when my residency finishes. My next appointment will be at St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge, consisting of Estevan and North Portal, SK, as well as Portal, ND. It is part of Twin Valleys Presbytery in Saskatchewan Conference.

Brad Wudrich

A big thank you to St. Andrew's College and the MDiv Ministry Residency Program. As I sit here in Theodore, I am about to complete my residency, plan for convocation and then ordination in Regina, SK on June 5, I am full of gratitude to the communities of Theodore and Springside SK. It has been in these two rural communities, where I have been ministering, learning and growing in ministry.

At St. Andrew's I acquired all the tools and knowledge necessary for ministry, and in the 20 month residency part of the program, I was able to try out those tools, hone and improve my skills and discover my gifts and challenge my assumptions first hand in these communities of faith, knowing that I had the support and backing of both the college and the pastoral charge. During my time in Theodore and Springside, I was able to sojourn with these communities sharing in their celebrations of life, their joys and sorrows; baptizing new lives, remembering lives in Christ lived, uniting couples in marriage, and of course pinching some perogies along the way. Thank you to the congregations of Theodore and Springside for helping me lay the foundation for a strong ministry.

I am about to embark on this new ministry with Partners in Worship, Shell Lake SK, in Tamarack Presbytery in Saskatchewan Conference. This is an ecumenical

ministry with the United Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thank you to the Theodore/Springside Pastoral Charge, Good Spirit Presbytery, my educational supervisor Rev. Marg Janick-Grayston, my Lay Supervision Team, and St. Andrew's College for preparing me for this amazing ministry opportunity; I will be eternally grateful.

Celebrate the Ministry Resident who is halfway through her 20-month Ministry Residency!

Eva Biederman is in ministry with the Two Hills-Myrnam Pastoral Charge in St. Paul's Presbytery, Alberta Northwest Conference. Although Eva will be the only St. Andrew's student in Residency when the Group of 7 graduate, she is supported as a young woman in ministry by her Educational Supervisor Rev. Carolyn Woodall and in rural ministry by her Lay Supervision Team in Two Hills – Myrnam Pastoral Charge.

There are no St. Andrew's College students ready to begin Ministry Residency in September 2016.

To conclude on a personal note, I will be retiring from St. Andrew's College on 31 August. I have enjoyed very much my five years as Ministry Residency Coordinator and will truly miss being part of the St. Andrew's community.

Lynn Bayne



MDiv Grads

Friends We Shall Miss

Alison West (MDiv 1990; DD 2016), former Internship Coordinator, passed away on March 5, 2016. In addition to serving numerous pastoral charges, Alison was involved in church leadership in all courts of The United

Church of Canada. She has chaired several committee for River Bend Presbytery; chaired and served on numerous committees for Saskatchewan Conference as well as been trained in the Ministry of Supervision has for

over 20 years has supervised many people in the Church; and served on General Council committees and was Commissioner to General Council 34 in Fredericton.



DLM Graduates



DLM Grads and Program Team

Congratulations to the 5 DLM students who will graduate from St. Andrew's this May! As a national program of the United Church, at St. Andrew's College, it is fitting that our graduates represent much of the country. This year's graduates come from communities in Labrador, southern and mid-northern Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Each have made sacrifices and serious commitments to their theological education and practice of ministry in

order to be part of the DLM Program. And each have brought their own unique gifts, questions, wonderings, passions, and eagerness to learn to the program. We're pleased to celebrate their accomplishments and their graduation – and at the same time, we will miss their presence at the learning circles!

Alice, from Red Bay, Labrador, made a serious commitment to her theological education each and every time she journeyed to Saskatchewan for a learning circle. Alice's journey took 12-15 hours each way, and involved planes, ferries, and automobiles! Alice continues to share her gifts for story-telling and music, in her ministry in Labrador and in her work at the UNESCO World Heritage site in Red Bay.

Doreen, from Windermere, ON, shared her humorous approach to life with us over three years. And at heart, Doreen's thoughtful engagement with serious matters and her caring presence shone through. Doreen's passion for ministry includes social justice and education.

Greg, from Rodney, ON, entered the DLM program eager to learn and with energy to spare – and he ends the program in the same way! His energy is now directed, in part, to social justice initiatives in his community.

Duane, from Birch Hills, SK, has a strong commitment to eco-theology and serving his home community. That passion continues, deepened and strengthened by new passion for working towards reconciliation and right relations.

Amy, from Lacombe, AB, brought thoughtful questions and wonderings about Christology and pastoral care (among other topics) into the circle. Her strength, clarity, and commitment to inclusion guide her as she continues in her ministry.

We celebrate these graduates and wish them well in their continued ministries throughout the country!



The New Curriculum: An Appeal

Have you ever complained, or ever heard someone complain about the gap between what clergy are taught about the Bible, church history, theology, etc., and what lay people know or are taught in Sunday School and other Christian Education programs? This complaint has been around for a while. Back in the 1950s the United Church decided to do something about this. It launched the New Curriculum to bridge this gap. The New Curriculum appeared in the 1960s. Some of you may remember it. It was controversial in several ways. For instance, it was praised by some for its use of historical Biblical criticism and sharply criticized by others for the same reason. It was a best seller and many con-

gregations still have some of its books. We hope that you or your church may still have some New Curriculum materials – because we are collecting them. The New Curriculum was a major event in the United Church's history. However it is gradually disappearing as churches clean out their cupboards and cull old books from their libraries.

St. Andrew's College wants to establish a permanent collection of New Curriculum materials. We are seeking to have three copies of every book, teacher's guide, pamphlet or poster that was part of the New Curriculum. We want to establish a collection of these materials before they all get re-cycled or thrown out. A list of the

books etc. that we need copies of is on the St. Andrew's College website. You can access it at: <http://www.usask.ca/stu/standrews/our-community/newcurriculum/index.php>

If you have the books or materials that the list indicates we need and wish to donate them to our collection, please contact Alison Jantz at alison.jantz@usask.ca or at 306-966-8983.

The New Curriculum was an important part of the United Church's history. Please help us to establish a permanent collection of it for the St. Andrew's library. Thanks.

Don Schweitzer, Sandra Beardsall, Alison Jantz

ReJUNEvation

CONTINUING A TREASURED COLLEGE TRADITION IN A NEW WAY! ...and in a different season.

No need to pack your winter jacket and boots for the annual Winter Refresher conference at St. Andrew's College. If you haven't yet

heard the news, in 2017 St. Andrew's College will be launching a new annual conference now titled "ReJUNEvation!" and yes, it will be happening in JUNE, not February. We are very excited about this change, and about new energy for a long and treasured tradition of refresh-

er events. The first ReJUNEvation event will be June 14-16, 2017. See the back panel of this newsletter for more information, stay tuned for more details in the fall, and please join us for some reJUNEvating time at the College!

Winter Refresher 2016 Wrap Up



“Why go to church? What happens in church that is worth getting up for so early on Sundays?”

This year Winter Refresher has explored these questions under the theme of “Performing Church.”

Our speaker Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell skillfully helped us to attend to what we do at church that shapes who we are, what we believe, and how we know God by introducing performance studies in conversation with liturgical and systematic theologies. She offered three brilliant lectures. Here is a précis from one of them:

Using Augusto Boal’s *Theatre of the Oppressed*, Craigo-Snell poses a critical question, “Are there instances in which the performance of church serves to sanctify the status quo?” If there are, this unintended pitfall of the church’s performance, she argues, can be remedied through “role-switching” in which shared leadership is key and the blurring of hierarchical roles becomes the norm. Craigo-Snell demonstrates how such role-switching is taught in Jesus’ parables. Role-switching, she argues, nurtures critical-thinking and Spirit-filled agency.

However, such role-switching reverberates well beyond Sunday morning worship. We need to honestly and deeply look into the reality of liturgy which often entrenches us in old habits as if these habits were the only way. Craigo-Snell argues that a combination of “a depth of formation in liturgy” and “a singularity of perspective” can be “quite dangerous.” One way to get out of this danger is to intentionally practice “the alienation effect,” suggested by the

theatre theorist Bertolt Brecht. The ultimate goal of this effect, “making the familiar foreign” is to provoke a conscious, thoughtful, volitional response from the audience member.

How does this “the alienation effect” work in theology and in our church? Here Craigo-Snell brings theologian Delores Williams’ work to the conversation. Williams’ *Christology* is an example of one that makes salvation through the cross and the blood of Jesus foreign. It does so by inviting us to think of Jesus as “a surrogate God,” identified with Hagar and many Afro-American women. However, Williams resists glorifying surrogacy or any suffering. These are her words, “There is nothing divine in the blood of the cross...Jesus did not come to be a surrogate. Jesus came for life (*Sisters in the Wilderness: The Challenge of Womanist God-Talk*, 167). Picking up on this, Craigo-Snell argues that the Messiah was tortured and murdered as the common criminal is alienating (shocking and unbelievable) but “for us to be alienated by the cross, we first need to be alienated from the cross.” Thanks to the amazing lectures and the speaker’s incredible openness to engage with the participants in discussions and conversations, the energy of Winter Refresher 2016 was high. We had so many positive responses from younger participants who are in discernment in ministry and also from seasoned ministers who found a new and a renewed sense of call through Winter Refresher.

Praise also deserves to go to the performers for the Monday Entertainment Night. Jorgina Sunn a song-writer/singer, Khodi Dill spoken word poet, and Rev. David Kim-Cragg, a storyteller shared superb performances. Not only were their embodied presentations well received but their conversations between the performances were also right on the point and resonated so well with the theme that was shared by the speaker. One evaluation captured this synergy, “the night brought Shannon’s presentation alive and brought it together.” Yes, “it was more than just entertainment,” another expressed, because

it was “inspiring,” “powerful,” and brought “social justice to life,” as others also shared.

Last but not least, music and worship were also fabulous. Tannis Schmidt chose hymns that reflected the theme of performing church. She also encouraged the participants to actively sing the songs, evoking emotions and bodily experiences which connect deeply to our souls. Tuesday worship tried to incorporate sensory experiences, embodying darkness (which was the theme of the service) and silence, which are not often present in regular worship services. The Wednesday service was dedicated to be the celebration of the Lydia Gruchy’s 80th anniversary of the ordination. A good number came for this service. A story was shared by the one who met Lydia personally.

On behalf of the Winter Refresher committee and the College, I would like to express deep gratitude to all of those who lent helping hands (from faculty giving workshops, the chef Jenni with healthy food, staff and students washing dishes, selling books, Doug with technology and many unnamed chores). Your labour bore fruit because without you, this event would have not been possible.

As the college closes the Winter Refresher in order to open a new chapter of ReJUNEvation we can say that God has been good and has blessed us through this event over many years. Glory be to God who has given us this ministry!

HyeRan Kim-Cragg (faculty responsible for Winter Refresher 2016)





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May 26 – November 5, 2015

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Star City UC



Star City UC, a tiny congregation barely supporting half time ministry, held an amazing, astounding and most wonderful Christmas Eve Nativity and Communion service.

After all the huge machinery had been moved out, the stable setting was created for the service in the Star City Town shed at the end of the main street, .

The stable was constructed of logs, boards and an abundant amount of hay on the roof and walls, and the three sheep, two cows and two of the cutest donkeys ever were very content to be there several hours just munching.

(The three goats were rather restless and so stayed home as each of them were due to give birth at any moment, and one did give birth the next morning on Christmas Day)

The Sunday School children had memorized lines and songs, and parents and grandparents had concocted and ensured authentic costumes.

Baby Everett as Jesus lay peacefully sleeping in the manger on fragrant hay in front of his real parents who sang heart-opening solos, and love radiated into the bleachers where an amazing crowd of about 200 hundred people soaked it all up.

In the picture you can see the donkeys and cows in the back. Sheep were on the other side on a flatbed munching on a large round hay bale.

(Following the service you might imagine the noise and confusion when most of the 200 people came down from bleachers to meet the animals and shake hands with the children. Within all the happy chaos a woman sat on the bench by the manger and a man knelt down in

front of her, and he proposed marriage, putting a ring on her finger when she said yes.)

People of Star City congregation were inspired to create this service from their memories of two similar services held in the same place on other Dec. 24's, about 20 years ago in 1995 and 1998, when Julia Sinclair was minister. I tried to contact Julia as I believe she would feel good knowing about this, but she could not be reached.

A Christmas Eve all about Love.

Blessings, Happy New Year,
Rev. Carole Beal McKenzie



From the Past

Hundreds of people attended the dedication ceremony on May 3rd, 1928, of the Memorial Gates and the Stone Tablet honoring 67 University of Saskatchewan students who died in the Great War from 1914-18. Anglican Bishop of Saskatchewan, George Exton Lloyd, dedicated the Memorial Gates and U of S President Walter C. Murray unveiled the Stone Tablet draped with a Union Jack Flag. Brig. General J.F.L. Embury represented the Armed Forces. Bishop Lloyd had been a foot soldier under General Middleton's command in 1885

when Louis Riel was captured at Batoche. The gates are made of solid bronze imported from England, and mounted on local field limestone, that altogether, cost less than \$50,000.

As early as 1882, the Moose Woods-Batoche Trail ran right past, what later would become, St. Andrew's College and the Memorial Gates. The 114 kilometer cart trail began at Sioux Moose Woods Reserve (now Dakota Whitecap Reserve) and continued past St. Andrew's College, through Preston Crossing Shopping Center and northwards along the

South Saskatchewan River to Batoche. (Photo courtesy of University of Saskatchewan Archives)

Jake Buhler





St. Andrew's Faculty Updates

Christine Mitchell

Christine Mitchell is finishing her sabbatical year. She's spent time researching in the Netherlands and Berlin, and presented papers in Spain, Atlanta, and Calgary. She has just begun a term as series editor of a book series published by McGill-Queen's University Press for the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion. As well, she's been working on a book manuscript and some smaller writing projects, including notes on 1-2 Chronicles for a Women's study Bible.

Don Schweitzer

This winter an article I wrote, "Jesus' resurrection as a saturated phenomenon?" was published in *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 44/4 (2015), 501-15. Last fall HyeRan Kim-Cragg and I resourced An Intercultural Adventure Part II, a weekend seminar in Edmonton in October. Korean/Canadian clergy and lay people gathered from as far away as Montreal and Vancouver to discuss the authority and interpretation of Scripture in the United Church. Moderator Jordan Cantwell led an evening session entitled "An Open Conversation on Scripture." The materials for the seminar have been published as a book, entitled *The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture in The United Church of Canada: An Intercultural Adventure Part II*. Daejeon: Daejangan, 2016. It is available for purchase from the main office of St. Andrew's College for \$10 plus shipping. A Korean version is forthcoming.

HyeRan Kim-Cragg

The past Winter term was probably the busiest term I ever had. Maybe it was Post-Sabbatical syndrome, the perceived (and sometimes real!) experience of accumulated work piling on top of oneself after a year away. I am happy to say that the term is over! And though it was heavy at work, there were many wonderful things that lifted me up!

One such highlight was the joy of welcoming our Winter Refresher speaker Shannon Craigo-Snell. From of our seasoned participants I heard comments such as, "She was one of the best speakers we had in decades!"

Another highlight for me was to have two book launches with my co-authors during Winter Refresher. *Hebrews* was co-authored with Mary Ann Beavis and published in the Wisdom Commentary Series (Liturgical Press, 2015). *The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture in The United Church of Canada* was written with Don Schweitzer (Daejangan, 2016).

Teaching Learning Circle 5, the final course for M. Div. students, was also a high point for me. It was exciting to see the seven students, who took the name "the group of seven," getting ready to graduate having matured over a number of years of studies with us. It is my privilege to witness their readiness for ministry.

As I am writing this, Dr. Lynn Caldwell and I are getting ready for the Spring Intensive course, "Racism, Colonialism, Canadian Identities, and Intercultural Ministries," April 25-29. As always, this course will provide challenging and enriching learning opportunities.

Research and writing also took front stage this term. My writing partner Dr. Mary Ann Beavis at St. Thomas More College and I are finishing two manuscripts. One is another Wisdom Commentary Series, 2 Thessalonians, which will be launched at the annual gathering of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and Society of Biblical Society (SBL), in San Antonio, November, 2016. The other one is *What Does the Bible Say? A Critical Conversation with Popular Culture*. The Wipf and Stock will publish this book. For this book project, Mary Ann and I are in the midst of hosting 10 different movie nights, featuring 10 different movies, each providing a popular culture bridge to important theological themes including sin, salvation, suffering, sacrifice, purity, sex, God and Satan to name a few. The engagement with the public (University and seminary students, church folks, and local feminists) has been fun and fantastic. This practical and pedagogical exercise proved a need for doing public theology as a way of promoting biblical and theological literacy.

In terms of the college service, a new responsibility for me upon my return from the sabbatical is to join the board as the faculty representative. It is a worthy and lengthy service! I continue to serve worship committee as a chair. This year it was challenging due to so few on-site students. Attracting students is key to the worship life of the college!

Sandra Beardsall

The fall semester brought us a new opportunity for connecting learning and the Saskatoon community: I taught "Exploring Early Christianity" at Emmanuel Anglican Church as a weekly evening course, for both interested auditors and for the credit students. Every Tuesday a group of over 30 of us gathered to engage the life and theologies of the earliest Christian church. The participants were Anglican, United Church, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Mennonite, and Alliance, and they hailed from several continents.

In February I participated in the final meeting of this "iteration" of the national Anglican/United Church Dialogue group. After three decades of much cooperation but no official dialogue, our two churches restarted formal conversations in 2003. I was part of the second "round," 2012 - 2016. Recognizing the many things we have in common and already do together, we worked hard on issues that continue to divide us, including "episkopé" (oversight by bishop or by presbytery), and the meaning of ministry. Our final report, "Called to Unity in Mission" (although some of us refer to it as the "Groundhog Report," as we finished it on February 2nd!) will go before our two churches at meetings this year. It encourages us to continue and to deepen our cooperation, for the sake of the Gospel.

I helped to draft two other ecumenical reports this winter, both of which were responses to the World Council of Churches document, *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*. One was the fruit of a wonderful year of dialogue between River Bend Presbytery and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. As we read the report together, we shared our common ground and our differences. Our report invites closer cooperation between the diocese and the Presbytery. The other response comes from the North American Academy of Ecumenists, who met in Niagara Falls to consider a response to this watershed (pun intended) document. This response addresses issues familiar to UCC folks: ministry – lay and ordered; the shifting global emphasis towards charismatic Christianity; how we approach moral issues. There is lots to keep us busy in the ecumenical world!



Lynn Caldwell

At the end of May 2016 I will be joining Jennifer Janzen-Ball and Gail Allan on a panel of the Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics (CSSPE), at which each of us will present a paper reflecting on the contributions of Christopher Lind to the study of ethics. While finding time to write in a sustained way is always a challenge, the focus for this writing project – which is to think critically about and to honour someone who has been a treasured

friend and teacher to each of us on the panel as well as to many who read this newsletter – is a strong motivation and reward.

In the coming year, I look forward to working with the newly formed Continuing Education committee of the College, which includes myself, the STU librarian Alison Jantz, and two members of the Academic Committee – Tim Ellis and Rob Barber.

I appreciate opportunities to stay connected with colleagues at the University of

Saskatchewan, including through my ongoing participation in the gender and sexual diversity committee on campus, and now involvement in a newly forming network on histories of education – which is of interest to me related to my own work on how colonial histories are encountered in the present day.

As I look toward my second year as a full time member of faculty, I also anticipate opportunities to integrate more of my research and writing into courses at the College.

NEW COURSE OFFERING!

This is one of a set of courses being offered for credit at St. Andrew's College through our partnership with Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries. See the course description below:

Title: The TRC Calls Churches to Action: A Theology and Practices of Restorative Solidarity for Treaty Christians

Instructors: Dr. Elaine Enns and Ched Myers

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Course description: This is an upper level, hybrid course consisting of online work and webinars, and an in-person colloquium and weekend Bartimaeus Institute in Saskatoon. The first half of the course will be four online modules examining restorative justice theology

and practice, and the challenge of healing historic violations, including the impact of inter-generational trauma. Prerequisite: SA 152 Introduction to Christian Ethics (or equivalent), or permission of instructors.

On October 14-16, 2016 in Saskatoon, students in this course will join others from across North America to look at how the Canadian TRC Report and Calls to Action impact Indigenous/Settler relations, and what responsibilities and opportunities arise in its wake for Treaty Christians and church institutions. In their final project, students will develop (and present in a closing webinar) an interactive module to use in their congregation or ministry contexts on how to educate, advocate and organize for restorative solidarity.

Fall 2016 Bartimaeus Institute:

“Mission and Identity after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Restorative Solidarity for Treaty Christians”

**October, 14-16, 2016
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

For more information about Bartimaeus Institutes: <http://www.bcm-net.org/BI>

For more information about the event in Saskatoon, contact: lynn.caldwell@usask.ca

Tony Thompson, Chair of Academic Committee

May 2016 marks the completion of my 6-year term as Chair of the St. Andrew's College Academic Committee. The initial appointment had been for 4 years, but 2 were added to make it easier to stagger the appointment for new members to the College Board. It might sound clichéd to say this, but I will say it in any case: these years have really rushed by! It seems as if it were only yesterday that Don Schweitzer phoned me and invited me to share in the life and work of St. Andrew's College in this unique way. I should warn folk who are at the receiving end of a phone call from Don that he is very adept at offering positive reasons for one to do the task he is inquiring about; after hearing 3 consecutive positive statements about me personally, I had no choice but to accept. After all,

that is 3 more positive statements than Don ever made about my hockey-playing abilities (or lack thereof) when we played together for the Queen's Theological College team, back in the winter of 1979-80!

It truly has been a joy to work with the members of the Academic Committee, with the members of the College Board, and with the staff as well. I have appreciated the collegiality shared with all who are involved in the life and work of the college, as well as the learning on my part as I have come to grips with how a Theological College functions as a learning institution. It is a bit like watching a friend take apart my car-engine and realizing how all those intricate pieces have to be in the right place and then work together to keep my car on the road!

I am impressed with the ways in which we work together to keep the College alive and well in a challenging world. It is my hope that this collegiality will continue to be part of the ethos of the College Community, and that others will get involved and thereby discover what those of us who have been part of the College community already know: this is a healthy, vibrant, lively, life-giving institution of which I certainly am proud to have been a part of for the past 6 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to learn and to be inspired! Blessings to those who will continue to engage in the conversations and decisions that will direct the College!

Tony Thompson, Wesley United Church, Prince Albert, SK.



From a Faculty Book Shelf:

By Lynn Caldwell



Lynn Caldwell

Mary Clark Moschella. *Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice: An Introduction*. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2008. Pages: 288.

What's a research method got to do with daily life in pastoral ministry? This could be a good conversation-starter with students and graduates of the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program of the Saskatoon Theological Union. One of the texts that students read in the DMin program as an introduction to doing research in one's own community, and particularly in a community where one is also in a pastoral ministry role is *Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice: An Introduction* by Mary Clark Moschella. This book provides a detailed introduction and

descriptive guide to ethnography as a way for religious leaders to learn about and with a community. Moschella describes how ethnography, as a social research tool, can be integrated into pastoral practice for the purpose of working together to understand and transform congregational and community life. A conversation started with current and recent DMin students could lead to a lively discussion of Moschella's book, and of how research (and ethnography especially) can enliven community life. Beyond a conversation-starter with students who have studied the text, the book is also an engaging read on its own, for the insights Moschella offers about the value of being curious and deliberate about getting to know a community, its traditions and its possibilities.

Ethnography basically means to write about people. As Moschella's introduction explains, to write about or to know a community and its people is of course a complex and creative activity. She begins the book with an engaging description of how such knowledge is sometimes assumed or taken for granted by leaders and by members of a congregation, or any community. People who share daily lives together do get to know each other in deep and

insightful ways, and we often find creative ways to express that knowledge. Moschella holds this up as an integral part of pastoral ministry. However, she also turns attention to the ways that leaders and congregations can become weighed down by institutional maintenance and can form habitual patterns and "short cuts" in the claims they make about what they know about their histories and lives as a community.

As a tool for guiding a community through questioning unexamined habits and assumed knowledge, Moschella describes how ethnography, as a method developed in the field of cultural anthropology, can be developed and practiced as a form of pastoral listening, pastoral care, and community development. It's a great introduction to the practice of research, and Moschella goes into very specific detail about how to organize a research project in community, how to consider the ethical implications of doing so, and how to become a reliable observer and interpreter of complicated social stories and community histories. It is specifically addressed to people interested in learning how to do research, but it is also an inspiring read for its perspective on pastoral ministry and congregational life.

From the Library

Warm summer greetings from the St. Andrew's College Library! There is much new information about the library and ongoing projects that we are excited to share!

We are in the process of collecting UCPH New Curriculum material. Our hope is to acquire 3 complete sets. We hope to make one set available for general circulation and archive or store the remaining sets to keep them for historical and archival purposes.

We have sorted through the library basement and found many treasures. Among the book sale material, we have collected and organized many boxes of United Church of Canada material published over the decades. It is in pamphlet boxes and available for perusal in the St. Andrew's Library.

A new Faculty Publications shelf has been created in the library. Books, articles, papers, etc., published by faculty, will be placed there.

We will update the shelf as faculty publish new material.

We have had a library blog for quite some time and although we have shared the link in the past, it has not been well-publicized. Mallory Wiebe, our Library Technician, has been faithfully updating and maintaining the blog, so please check it out and tell us what you think! If you have ideas or suggestions for blog material, please let us know! Check out the blog at stulibraries.tumblr.com.

As we move into an ever-increasing electronic age and are constrained by a finite budget, we will continue to make difficult decisions regarding our print journal subscriptions. In the past, print journals were the primary means of obtaining current, succinct scholarly material. Now, the online world has replaced the need for print journals as most material of this nature is available online through our various electron-

ic subscriptions. We will be making tough decisions and cancel many of our print journal subscriptions – primarily the ones that are also available online. We can no longer afford to duplicate our costs and so this is our best option for efficiency and careful financial stewardship of our money and resources. Please contact Alison Jantz, the STU Library Director, if you would like more information about this process.

The library is now operating on summer hours! We are open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. Our fall hours will begin again after the September long weekend. Have a wonderful and sun-filled summer!



Alison Jantz
STU Library Director

Footstep Stories of Saskatoon

David Kim-Cragg

Told during Winter Refresher 2016

I want to share an amazing story with you but first we need to do two things. First we need to travel back in time with me 200 years. Second we need to sink into the soft prairie loam. Try to relax. It is good clean Saskatchewan soil. At your elbow if you try to move it a little you'll feel a round stone ground smooth and left over from a glacier. If you wiggle your toe you might feel an old bone of some kind. Scrunch up your face and you might feel some grass roots tickling the end of your nose and forehead. It is very quiet under the earth and there is not much to see. But if we listen hard we will hear a wonderful story.

We don't hear it first. We feel it. A shaking, then a low rumbling, then a thunderous roar. One of the last great buffalo herds has just passed overhead. And when it is gone and all goes quiet again we can hear the pitter patter of little feet, prairie squirrels, moving through their tunnels. Then there is the sharp prancing hooves of a deer bounding over the grass, followed by the padding loap of a coyote. And crossing here and there the soft, confident, mocassined steps of the Niheyowak.

Along come different mocassins, the Dakota, tentatively they scout out a new home north of the Medicine Line. This place looks good. As they settle in the clip clop of horse

hooves from the north pass regularly right above us, creating a well-worn trail from the Metis settlement in Batoche. Sometimes they pull Red River wagons. This is a good place to dismount for a little rest. One of the travellers practices a little jig right on top of you.

Now a different kind of foot print: this is a little harder, heavier. It is a trudging sound as John Lake's band arrive to set up a temperance colony, free of alcohol and all other questionable vices. There will be no one from this group dancing on top of you or anywhere else. Shoe and moccasin steps meet. Muffled, you can hear the voices of John Lake and Dakota chief White Cap.

"My wife says it would be good for you to settle here," says White Cap. "My wife says that I should do whatever your wife says to do," replies John Lake.

Soon a quick march is heard: The sound of military boots. Soldiers on their way to the fight in Batoche. And then they hurry back with stretchers, carrying the wounded for treatment in a house that John Lake's people built.

Ping! Ping! Ping! Do you hear the Chinese laborers swinging their hammers? The railway line is being extended north.

Disembarking from the train anxious, hopeful feet from Eastern Europe.

With the increased traffic we can barely make out the trudge of a wary but determined caravan. All the way from Oklahoma, African Americans looking for a new home far from the segregation of the South. They are on their way to Eldon County, just north of Maidstone. If you are quiet you will hear the ghost of prejudice following them here.

Now the great rip of heavy machines tearing up the ground for a city. Trains, street cars, cars and busses: the incessant hum of traffic while all around us a new campus spreads.

The feet of students stepping lively on the way to class. Some of their feet have walked in mocassins, some in boots. Many have walked on distant continents. Now they all walk in Nikes and Adidas.

We have arrived at the present again. There is one more set of footprints to notice. Only you know what they sounded like as they arrived. Were they tired? Were they excited? Were they anxious? Were they sad? Rise up from the ground where you have been lying and feel your feet upon the prairie soil once more. Look behind and see your own path that has converged in this place.

Today we gather to celebrate those foot-steps. We leave our imprint on one another's hearts. And we will become another special part of the story of this place.

In loving memory of: The Rev. Dr. Alison West, 1937-2016



Alison West

I was delightfully honoured to be one of the nominators for Alison West to receive a Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa* (DD), at the

spring convocation of St. Andrew's College on May 6, 2016.

We all grieved when our friend left us in March. Her spirit will continue to influence us for many generations.

As a person, Alison was selfless, thoughtful, and generous with her gifts and time. She was 'hospitality' par excellence. Her home was a place of relaxation and peace for those seeking a time apart.

Alison shared a passion for ministry. She mentored many theological students, friends, parishioners and those in the wider community. I was one of those theological students she supervised. Her wisdom and her warm gentle nature and encouragement were most appreci-

ated. We celebrated a long friendship as do many. Alison treasured her friends and kept close through phone calls and visits.

When I was moving back to Ontario to do ministry after forty years in Saskatchewan, Alison phoned us every night. 'How are you?' 'How far did you get today?' 'Did you stop at ...?' She travelled all those miles with us. She kept us in touch with family and friends as we journeyed toward a new chapter of our lives.

Alison was a faith-filled, Christ-centred, hospitable, knowledgeable, wise woman. We will not forget her legacy for a just, hope-filled, grace-filled, loving world.

Congratulations "Dr. Alison!"

- Bev Irwin



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**Nomination deadline is September 15, 2016**



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